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- 1. DURING CALL BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM LUERS ON RUDOLF RONAI, PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS, THE QUESTION OF THE NUMBER OF IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENTS UNDER THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WAS RAISED BY RONAI. RONAI POINTED OUT THAT IN THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT THE U.S. HAD COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE DRAFTING OF TWO IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENTS, ONE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE OTHER FOR CULTURE AND EDUCATION. TO THIS END RONAI REFERRED TO ARTICLE V OF THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND WAS ADAMANT THAT THE GOH COULD ONLY WORK OUT EXCHANGES WITH TWO WORKING DOCUMENTS AS ROIGINALLY AGREED.
- 2. SECRETARY LUERS, AFTER NOTING THAT THE USG SEEMED TO HAVE FORMALLY COMMITTED ITSELF TO DRAFTING MORE THAN ONE IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT IN THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT, STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD HONOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE AGREEMENT AS SIGNED AND COMPLETE TWO WORKING DOCUMENTS WITH THE GOH, ONE FOR SCEIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE OTHER FOR CULTURE AND EDUCATION.

3. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES, AND SECRETARY LUERS CONCURS, THAT AT THIS STATE OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT RENEGE ON A

COMMITMENT WHICH WE HAVE WITH THE GOH. IN ADDITION, RONAI CONSISTENTLY REFERRED TO HUNGARY'S SUPPORT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT WHEN SPEAKING OF CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT THE U.S. IS NOT SUPPORTING THE CAUSE OF IMPROVING CULTURAL RELATIONS BY WHAT HE OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS DELAYING TACTICS.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH NEW INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH SECRETARY LUERS COMMITMENT TO RONAI, WHICH ARE IN LINE WITH OUR ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HUNGARIANS. KAISER

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